THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) No such report has come to notice.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Open tetephons faction bnah Dest

397. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that large num ber Of open telephone junction boxes are existing all over Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a (act that through these open junction boxes fraudulent calls are being made by tapping these boxes;

(c) whether Government have assessed the loss of revenue to the Department as a result of calls made from these junction boxes; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to check the illegal use of the boxes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER EST THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No Sir, telephone junction boxes are normally kept closed and locked. Any junction box reported to be broken or found opened is locked again as soon as" it come to notice.

(b) Open junction boxes provide pos sibility for misuse by unscruplous ele ments. Hence these are kept locked.

(c) In view of above there is no per-ceptible loss of revenue to the Department.

(d) All the junction boxes are normally kept locked. There are regular patrolling parties who keep a vigil on the junction font.

Upgradation of Sonari telephones exchange of Sibsagar, Assam

398. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURA-GOHAIN: Will the Minister of Obitf-MUNICATIONS be pleased to refer ft> answer to Unstarred Question 600 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd Jamnlrfl 1991 and state by when the upgradation of the present Sonari Telephone Exchan ge at Sibsagar, Assam, which is under construction would be completed and start functioning?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): Upgradation work is going on by installing two numbers of 128 lines C-DOT Electronic Exchanges. The exchanges are targetted for commissioning by middle of October, 1991.

National Highway in Assam

399. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURA-GOHAJN: Will the Minister of SUR FACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) the amount of money annually sanctioned by the Centre for improvement and maintenance of National Highways in Assam during the last three years;

(b) the amounts spent by the State Government and the amount returned unspent during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDE-PENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The details of the amounts allotted and actually spent for the maintenance and improvement of National Highways